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REMARKS

Claims 11-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 had previously been cancelled as drawn to a nonelected invention.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 11-14 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 8 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,489. In an Amendment filed August 8, 2002, Applicants submitted a Terminal Disclaimer for commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,245,489. A copy of the Terminal Disclaimer is attached.

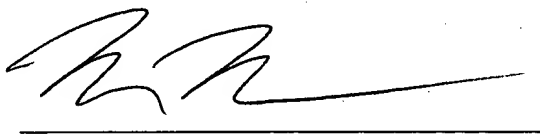
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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